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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yutaka KATSUYAMA

Serial No.: New

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: January 8, 2001

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: RULED LINE EXTRACTING APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING RULED
LINED FROM NORMAL DOCUMENT IMAGE AND METHOD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **AMEND** the specification as follows:

Page 27, line 14, delete "are" and insert therefore --is--;

Page 34, line 18, delete ".";

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-14, 16-27, 29-38, and 40-44 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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